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Director, Office of Legislative Liaison 27 November 1985

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o This request is one of those included in our package on improving relations and controls vis-a-vis the Congress.

o What ought to happen with a request like this is that we take it to HPSCI, indicate a willingness to do a Secret-level DI-type briefing and refer Members to HPSCI for any SCI or operational details, storage of classified material, etc. That support and buffer role should be part of your future discussion with HPSCI on the oversight function.

o As for this request, we will plan the session as described in attached note, unless you say No . OK?

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NOTE FOR: D/OLL

FROM : DC/LD/OLL

SUBJECT: Request for Briefing from House Select Committee
on Narcotics Abuse and Control

1. On 27 November Charlie Allen, the NIO for Counterterrorism, [redacted] of the Office of Global Issues, and someone from the DO terrorism shop sat down and considered the attached letter. They recommend that we do the briefing if, and only if, the Committee agrees to the following ground rules:

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We will not discuss requirements nor CIA's collection capabilities and activities--the ticks labeled No on the attached letter.

Charlie will do a Secret-level general trends and threat briefing and discuss how the Intelligence Community (not just the CIA) responds to the needs of the policymakers and the law enforcement agencies.

[redacted] will discuss the Agency's role in the development of the annual narcotics estimate (she is our representative to the National Narcotics Intelligence Consumers Committee). She will also explain our methodology for estimating narcotics crops, but will not get into specific country assessments because of sources and methods and the wide range of assessments within the Community.

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2. If you approve, I will negotiate this with the Committee staff. I anticipate that they will not be happy. Our only other option would be to turn them down en toto, and that seems to me to be politically unwise. I am not aware of any administration tenderness on these issues, only our own sensitivity toward protecting sources and methods and operational matters.

3. Please advise.



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Honorable William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

In our examination of the Administration's Federal drug strategy, the Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control has been holding a series of informal briefings this year with various drug control agency heads to review the roles of their agencies in narcotics control.

An issue of continuing concern to the Committee and many of the drug enforcement agencies we have talked with is the need to expand and improve narcotics intelligence. As we continue our oversight, the Committee would very much like to meet with you and appropriate members of your staff in closed session to receive a briefing on the Central Intelligence Agency's responsibilities and participation in narcotics intelligence collection, analysis and dissemination. Among the issues we would like you to discuss are:

No -- the requirements for narcotics intelligence collection assigned to the CIA;

-- the CIA's capabilities and activities to assess (1) illicit coca cultivation and processing in Peru, Bolivia, Colombia, Brazil and Ecuador; (2) illicit marijuana production in Mexico, Jamaica, Colombia and Belize; (3) illicit opium cultivation and processing in Thailand, Burma, Laos, Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Turkey and Mexico; and (4) eradication of illicit narcotics crops in these areas;

100 -- the CIA's capabilities and activities to collect intelligence on major traffickers and trafficking organizations engaged in smuggling illicit narcotics to the United States;

-- the CIA's relationship to the National Narcotics Intelligence Consumers Committee and the agency's role in the development of the annual narcotics intelligence estimate (the most recent one, which was just released, covering 1984);

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Honorable William J. Casey
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1310 -- the CIA's support to and cooperative efforts with other agencies responsible for drug control including the DEA, the Bureau of International Narcotics Matters in the State Department, the Coast Guard, and the U.S. Customs Service;

132 -- the capabilities and activities of the CIA to collect information on the links between international narcotics trafficking, political insurgency and terrorism;

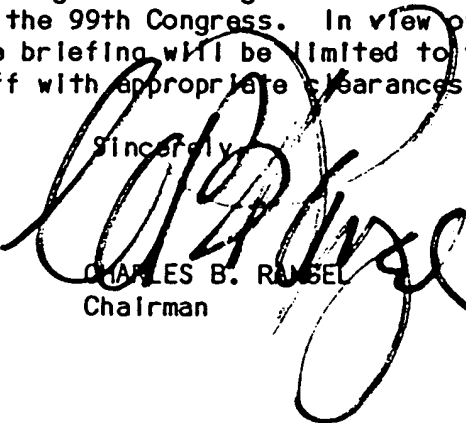
133 -- the capabilities and activities of the CIA to collect intelligence on the involvement of foreign governments, directly or indirectly, in the production, processing, or trafficking of illicit narcotics and psychotropic drugs;

134 -- the priority assigned to drug intelligence collection efforts by the CIA and the impact of other international developments on these efforts; and

135 -- the CIA's perspective on the international situation in the latter half of the 1980's and the implications for narcotics control.

I would appreciate it if your staff could arrange the details of this briefing with John T. Cusack, Chief of Staff of the Select Committee. We would like to hold this briefing before Congress recesses this year at the end of the first session of the 99th Congress. In view of the sensitive matters to be discussed, the briefing will be limited to the Members of the Committee and Committee staff with appropriate clearances.

Sincerely,


CHARLES B. RUSSEL
Chairman